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Mr. Robinson's Speeches.

The Republican candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, Hon. George D. Robinson, is making a great reputation by the ability and eloquence of his speeches on the stump. He is making a fight rarely excelled for courage, vigor and efficiency. Before this campaign he had not spoken much in the State and compared with some other Massachusetts men, he had but an ordinary reputation as a political orator. Now he is second to none in the public estimation. He speaks twice as often and three times as long and every speech is characterized by a freshness of argument, a novelty of illustration, a directness of appeal, a nobility of sentiment, as well as an enthusiasm. They are reported every morning and never seem stale. For in essential parts every speech is new. He does not deliver a set oration, but he talks to his audience with intelligence and sincerity, addressing himself to that phase or example of public life which at that time may have been forced upon public attention.

Mr. Robinson is doing what never has been done before by a candidate opposed to General Butler, or never before so thoroughly and happily. He is following Butler sharply and exposing his misrepresentations as fast as he makes them in his speeches to the people, instead of leaving that work almost entirely to the newspapers, as has been done formerly. Butler is one of those men, reckless of the facts, who depend upon making a fresh sensation every night, and count upon interesting the people in some new statement, true or untrue, before his former ones can be forgotten. But Mr. Robinson is a man whom he cannot ignore. Behind the false statements he makes one night are exposed and exploded the next. Mr. Robinson does not content himself with enunciating general principles and treating Butler as if nobody could believe what he said, but he follows up the wily preparator particularly and so forth, that the old saw about the traveling frog league which white trash is putting on its boots, seems to have no point.

All our information from Massachusetts leads us to believe that General Butler is rapidly losing ground and that the Republican candidate is gaining. There is reason to believe "the old man" will receive more votes than last year while the Republican vote will be increased many thousands. The State is aroused as it has not been before for at least a generation and apparently the men in Massachusetts who hold the old commonwealth in honor and will not countenance the plot of a candidate to degrade the name of the State, are in a large and earnest majority of the whole. And when the State has vindicated itself, the Democratic party which became the willing accomplice of such a man as General Butler will be a fit object for the contempt of honest men. Even on the base do not respect dishonorable means unless they are successful.

An Associated Press despatch of Saturday evening announces that the Democratic State committee on Saturday afternoon named S. A. B. Abbott, Esq., as Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but that Frederick O. Prince, who has declined; but we find no reference to such a proceeding in the Boston papers of yesterday. It was understood that the committee declined to accept the resignation of Mr. Prince and were going in a body on a tug down the harbor to board the steamer on which he is returning from Europe, and to endeavor to persuade him to accept before he can reach land and discover the real situation of affairs. But Mr. Prince is not a great politician, and he probably understands quite well why Butler desired to have him on the ticket. If there has been a sudden change of purpose on the part of the committee, and young Mr. Abbott has been nominated, the ticket has not been strengthened. Mr. Abbott, who is a son of Judge Abbott, has figured somewhat in city politics, but he is comparatively unknown. The chief significance of such a nomination is that it emphasizes the fact that the other politicians among the Democrats are as wise as ex-Mayor Prince.

The text of the circular issued by direction of the President on the 25th of January, 1878, explaining and limiting the scope of the Executive order issued on the 17th of January, the same day, and the Executive order issued to hold State, Territorial or Municipal offices as follows:

It has been asked whether the order prohibits Federal officers from holding positions on boards of education, school committees, public libraries, or on advisory or advisory institutions, incorporated or established, or sustained, by state or municipal authority. Positions and service on such boards or committees, and on such institutions, are not regarded as "offices" within the meaning of the Executive order, but as employments or service in which all good citizens may engage without incompatibility, and in no cases without the interference with any position which they may hold under the Federal Government. Officers of the Federal Government may, therefore, engage in such service, provided the attendance on such employment does not interfere with the regular and efficient discharge of the duties of their office under the Federal Government. The head of the department under the Federal Government, or any other officer, must under the order decide whether or not the employment does thus interfere.

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Butler's supporters expressed their disgust with the colored voters of Massachusetts for refusing to be conciliated by the appointment of one of its officers by stoning a procession of colored Republicans on Friday night.

The Brooklyn Democrats have finally found a man who is anxious to stand up and be knocked down by them now in a contest for the mayoralty. His name is John C. Hendrix, and he was once a reporter for a Democratic paper.

Naval Life and Routine.

(N. Y. Evening Post.)

The band on the receiving ship Colorado at the navy yard was playing

A home on the rolling deck,

a few days ago, when a reporter for the Evening Post stepped on the deck of the Powhatan, and it occurred to him that the average landsman has little knowledge or appreciation of the daily life of a sailor on board a naval vessel, or of the regulations, disciplines and practices there current.

He reasons that the naval service is only a higher grade of the merchant marine, having more of regularity and discipline in its operation and much less of hard work and duty, since there are no cargoes to handle and a multitude of men to perform what little service is required. He is, however, mistaken. The principal difficulty is to find employment for the ship's company. He looks upon the officer's life as one of ease, fancying him an autocrat on board ship and a petted dandy on shore. Such an estimate of the noble and busy service entirely disregards the facts in the case.

The naval service is not a school for idleness, nor is a naval vessel a theatre for comedy or farcical performances, or club-room for the use of aristocratic young gentlemen. The rules and regulations of the service are adjusted to a system of constant and sufficiently arduous activity; its discipline is not only more exacting than that of the army, but it is never-ending; even its etiquette has practical uses and meanings. Neither do these conditions exist for the enlisted men of the navy alone. The officer, whatever his grade, finds always some power higher than himself set over him, to which he must render implicit and ready obedience. Moreover, he is not only on board ship under all the conditions of naval life, activity and obedience which are imposed upon the men under him, but he has a call upon his forces and energies which they have not—the exercise of responsibility. There are, of course, pleasant and agreeable features in the life of a naval officer, as long as he remains in the service he is the bondman of discipline, and is never allowed to forget his responsibility, or that he is working for the good of the whole.

Few officers understand the matter of discipline and rank in the navy, although many may be familiar with titles and party with their application. Officers are divided into "line," "staff," "marine," and "warrior" officers. The line includes in order the admirals, commodores, captains, commanders, lieutenant-commanders, lieutenants, ensigns, and midshipmen. The staff includes the master, master-at-arms, ship's carpenter, and sailmaker. The marine includes the ship's cook, steward, and stewardess. The warrior includes the ship's doctor, surgeon, and pharmacist. The staff officers are appointed by the President, the line officers by the Secretary of the Navy, and the marine officers by the Secretary of the Navy. The staff officers are appointed by the President, the line officers by the Secretary of the Navy, and the marine officers by the Secretary of the Navy.

The petty officers form a lengthened list, and are, in grade, equivalent to the non-commissioned officers of the army. They include the master-at-arms, ship's corporals, boatwain's gunner, carpenter's and sailmaker's mates, quartermasters, coxswains, and captains of the hold, port, forecabin and afterguard; ship's writer, apothecary, machinist, boiler-maker, cooks, stewards, "jack-of-the-dust," and so on.

During peace activity on board a naval vessel begins at dawn of day. The boatwain blows his whistle at daylight and says: "All hands up all hammocks." Within five minutes the sailors may be seen piping up on deck, each with his hammock neatly rolled and lashed, handing it to the stover in the "netting," the long, box-like receptacle along the rail, where it remains until sundown, when it is taken down for the night. Again and made ready for occupation. Immense piles of the hammocks are stored in the hold, and the sailors are ordered to "holystone" and wash down decks; or, if it is Monday, the sailors are first piped to "wash clothes," and then to "holystone" the decks; or, if it is Monday, the sailors are first piped to "wash clothes," and then to "holystone" the decks; or, if it is Monday, the sailors are first piped to "wash clothes," and then to "holystone" the decks.

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for such an act. Now I have to train a new every time."

"Do 'naps' ever have stage-fright?" "Oh, yes; once in a while a young fellow goes on as confident as a Kentucky mule and runs off like a scared rabbit. He can't help it to save his life. The master or captain of the 'supes' has to stand at the flies and instruct each 'sup' as he goes on. They never have any idea of 'dressing' the stage—that is, you know, standing in groups, as men do in ordinary life, and not in line. No; their tendency is to get together like a set of nine pins and gaze stupidly at nothing. It is the most difficult thing in the world to teach them to look like ordinary mortals. The success of a spectacle depends very largely upon the training of the subordinates, and I have seen that the enthusiastic reception of 'Julius Caesar' at the Duke of Meiningen's theatre, was the perfection of discipline among the minor characters. Here when we have a Roman spectacle it is tough work to make the 'supes' look like Roman citizens."

A White Mountain Joke.

(Boston Advertiser.)

During the past summer a handsome young man and a mischievous young lady were among the guests at a White Mountain hotel. The young man was teased by his friends on account of his habit of lurching just before going to bed. One evening he found a large paper bag of crackers on his table. He was about to open it, when he saw the mischievous young lady had made him the gift, he went on tiptoe to the door and unlocked it, and then he saw the crackers were in a paper bag. He was about to open it, when he saw the mischievous young lady had made him the gift, he went on tiptoe to the door and unlocked it, and then he saw the crackers were in a paper bag.

Notes About Notable People.

A Russian princess of remarkable beauty, it is rumored, will make her debut in Washington society this winter.

Wagner's widow still refuses to see visitors, and her home presents a dismal and funereal aspect.

Mr. Chapin and Lord Charles Beresford have engaged a yacht to take them to Africa on a shooting expedition this winter.

It is not generally known that Pere Hyacinth's wife, who accompanies him on his trip to the Valley, was a Miss Butterworth of Wisconsin.

Joaquin Miller has bought a lot at the head of Sixteenth street, Washington, on which he will erect in the shade of some mighty oaks a genuine log cabin, with all "modern improvements."

Mr. Elliot Clarke, son of the Rev. James B. Clarke, a prominent civil engineer of Boston, has recently been entrusted with the direction of some important public works in that city.

Mr. Booth, the sculptor, arrived at Baltimore on Wednesday. He was summoned by the queen in connection with the unveiling of his statue of John Brown, copies of which, more than life size, are to be placed in Windsor Castle and Osborne.

Professor Sylvester, the eminent mathematician, who has had charge of that department in Johns Hopkins University since its opening, has resigned. He has been a professor emeritus, and will continue to discharge the duties of his position until next year.

Professor Valentine Ball, M. A. F. R. S., formerly of the Indian Geological Survey, professor of geology and mineralogy in the University of Dublin, has been appointed by the Lord President of the Council on Education director of the Dublin Museum of Science and Art.

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